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SUBJECT: CODEL LEGGETT: PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL ON US/ROC
RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY. ONE RESULT OF FORTHCOMING CODEL LEGGETT VIS-
IT MAY BE CREATION OF "COUNCIL ON UNITED STATES-REPUBLIC
OF CHINA RELATIONS." COUNCIL WOULD BE FUNDED FROM PRI-
VATE SOURCES, MEET TWICE YEARLY, AND HAVE SECRETARIATS
IN WASHINGTON AND TAIPEI. MAIN PURPOSE IN ESTABLISHING
COUNCIL IS TO STRENGTHEN "INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC OF CHINA."
END SUMMARY.

2. CONGRESSMAN LEGGETT'S OFFICE HAS MADE AVAILABLE COPY
OF DOCUMENT OUTLINING PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF "COUNCIL
ON US/ROC RELATIONS." CODEL LEGGETT PROPOSES TO DISCUSS
CREATION OF THIS BODY DURING ITS VISIT TO TAIWAN AND
"POSSIBLY TO GIVE IT ACTUAL FORM." DOCUMENT STATES
THAT SPONSORS OF THIS PROPOSAL PLAN TO WORK CLOSELY
WITH EMBASSY, AND USIS WHILE ON TAIWAN. PURPOSE OF
ORGANIZATION IS "THAT WAYS AND MEANS PARTICULARLY IN THE
ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND CULTURAL FIELDS, SHOULD BE
SOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC OF CHINA."

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3. ORGANIZATION WOULD CONVENE "AT LEAST" TWICE A YEAR,

IN JANUARY AND JUNE ALTERNATELY IN TAIPEI AND WASHINGTON.
MEMBERSHIP ON US SIDE WOULD CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS OF

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TWO MEMBERS OF SENATE, SEVEN
BUSINESS LEADERS, AND SIX PERSONS FROM ACADEMIC, LEGAL,
MEDICAL AND OTHER PROFESSIONS. CHINESE SIDE WOULD PRE-
SUMABLY BE SIMILARLY ORGANIZED.

4. BETWEEN SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
CONSISTING OF FIVE MEMBERS OF EACH COUNTRY WOULD ACT AS
INTERIM DECISION MAKING BODY, SUBJECT TO COUNCIL
GUIDELINES. SMALL SECRETARIATS WOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED
IN WASHINGTON AND TAIPEI.

5. PRIMARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT "SHOULD COME FROM FOUNDA-
TIONS AND OTHER PRIVATE GROUPS".

6. COUNCIL GOALS AS STATED IN DOCUMENT WOULD BE:
(A) TO STRENGTHEN US/ROC RELATIONS; (B) ENCOURAGE
EXPANSION OF TRADE AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS; (C)
ENCOURAGE EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE AND EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS
AND PROFESSORS; (D) STIMULATE GREATER CULTURAL AWARE-
NESS, INCLUDING FOSTERING OF LANGUAGE TIES; (E)
ENCOURAGE COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF MEDICINE AND SCIENTIF-
IC RESEARCH.

7. AMONG VARIOUS MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THESE GOALS
LISTED IN DOCUMENT, FOLLOWING APPEARS OF SPECIAL
INTEREST: "THE PUBLICATION OF STATEMENTS ON CONTEM-
PORARY ASPECTS OF CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS ... TO
ASSIST IN THE DELIBERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE APPRO-
PRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES AND
SUCH EXECUTIVE AGENCIES AS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND
THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY."

8. COPY OF DOCUMENT FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

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